

Proposed Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

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REMARKS

Amendments to the title and to claims 1, 22, 28, 38, and 45 are proposed.
Cancellation of claim 40 is further proposed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505\6000-16500\BNK.

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